advanced technology will ditturb the equilibrium in the region; and

(c) if so. what steps are being contemplated to meet the situation arising due to these submarines ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government have conveyed to the Government of France their serious concerns over the negative impact of the transfer of this sophisticated weapons system on the security environment in the region.

Government constantly monitor all developments having a bearing on national security and take necessary measures to safeguard it.

Diplomatic Defeat of Pakistan at the UN

2214. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY : DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what is being done to follow up and reinforce the diplomatic defeat of Pakistan in bringing a resolution on Kashmir in the UN;

(b) what diplomatic action Government anticipate from Pakistan as a fallout of this defeat; and

(c) whether Government would supply briefs on this issue to the Members of Parliament ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) and (b) Although Pakistan continues to try to internationalize the Kashmir issue, Government have repeatedly urged Government of Pakistan to resolve all outstanding issues between the two countries, including differences related to J&K, peacefully and through bilateral negotiations within the framework of the Simla Agreeement.

(c) The Standing Committee of the Ministry has been briefed in detail on these developments.

Expansion of Security Council

2215. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the latest position in regard to the expansion of the Security Council;

(b) whether the group set up to outline the criteria has submitted its report; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government for the inclusion of India as a member of the Council ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) and (b) The Working Group has been unable to complete its work and has asked that its mandate be renewed; the 49th General Assembly has authorised it to continue its work and to submit a report at the 50th session of the Assembly.

(c) At the 49th General Assembly, India has announced that, under any objective criteria, it qualifies to be a permanent member. In the Working Group. India, with other developing countries, is helping to develop criteria for the expansion of the permanent membership of the Security Council.

Sri Lankan Navy's attack on Indian Fishermen

2216. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the Sri Lankan Navy has attacked the Indian fishermen in the month of October and November, 1994;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the steps taken to protect our fishermen ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) The Government of India have received reports stating that the Sri Lankan Navy attacked Indian fishermen in the month of October and November, 1994.

(b) On October 24, 1994, two Indian fishing boats with four crew members in each were said to have been attacked by the Sri Lankan Navy who assaulted the fishermen causing stab injuries to two fishermen and damage to their fishing nets etc. On November 3, 1994, an Indian fishing boat with five fishermen on board was said to have been fired upon by the Sri Lankan Navy resulting in the death of one fisherman.

These incidents have been taken up strongly by the Government of India with the Sri Lankan Government expressing our concern. A response is awaited regarding the October incident. The Sri Lanka Government has replied that their authorities concerned have, after investigation, stated that they are not aware of the November 3 incident.

(c) At official discussions held in March 1994. both sides agreed to implement effectively measures to prevent incidents affecting Indian fishermen. These measures relate to (i) precautions to be observed by fishermen; and (ii) steps to be taken by

the Sri Lankan Navy to avoid harassment of innocent fishermen. The issue was also discussed during the visits of the Sri Lankan Foreign Minister in April, 1994 and again in December, 1994. The two Governments agreed on the need to devise mechanisms suitable to both sides and decided to hold further discussions for this purpose.

Mou with USA on Technology Transfer

2217. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Memorandum of Understanding between India and the United States of America on the subject of "Dual and sensitive technology" was signed recently in Delhi;

(b) if so, whether the last Memorandum of Understanding which took place in 1991 was reviewed, if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) in what manner the new Memorandum of Understanding is different from the previous one ; and

(d) to what extent both the countries have signed MOU on transfer of sensitive technology ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Indian and US delegations met in Washington from November 7-9, 1994 for a review of the functioning of the 1984 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on the Export of Sensitive Commodities, Technologies and Technical Data. The last such review was held in 1991. The delegations did not discuss any new MOU. The review talks explored practical ways to improve the effectiveness of the 1984 MOU in facilitating bilateral trade in MOU items.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

Relations between India and Pakistan

2218. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AF FAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for the deteriorating relations between India and Pakistan;

(b) whether Government proposes to establish better relations with Pakistan;

(c) if so, the steps taken in that direction ; and

(d) the reaction of the Government of Pakistan thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) Pakistan's support to terrorism and subversion directed against India its concerted campaign to internationalise Kashmir issue and ii$ hostile propaganda directed against India in violation of the Simla Agreement cause tension and impede good neighbourly relations between the two countries.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Government have repeatedly conveyed to Pakistan its readiness to resolve all outstanding issues between the two countries peacefully and through bilateral negotiations within the framework of the Simla Agreement. We are disappointed that a positive response is not available po far from Pakistan.

सिक्किम के भारत में विलय पर चीन की प्रतिक्रिया

2219. **श्री सत्यप्रकाश मालवीय :** क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भारत में सिक्किम राज्य के विलय पर चीन सरकार का क्या रुख है;

(ख) 'सिक्किम राज्य' भारतीय संघ का एक अविभाज्य अंग है, इस पर चीन की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि चीन सिक्किम के भारत में विलय का अनुमोदन नहीं करता है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या भारत सरकार ने इस मामले पर अपना कड़ा विरोध व्यक्त किया है अथवा नहीं ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर० एल० भाटिया) : (क) से(ग) भारत में सिक्किम के विलय के संबंध में चीन की स्थिति का संकेत पिछले दिनों ही चीन के उप प्रधान मंत्री ने दिया था । बताया जाता है कि 18 जुलाई, 1994 को नई दिल्ली में एक संवाददाता सम्मेलन में उन्होंने एक प्रश्न के उत्तर में यह कहा था कि इस समय चीन यह नहीं कह रहा है कि वे उस स्थिति पर कायम हैं जो उन्होंने 1970 के दशक में अपनायी थी । यद्यपि, चीन ने कोई विशेष परिवर्तन नहीं किया है और दोनों पक्ष बातचीत कर रहे हैं ।

(घ) कई अवसरों पर चीनी प्राधिकारियों को इस बात से अवगत कराया जाता रहा है कि सिक्किम भारत का एक अभिन्न अंग है ।

New Immigration Rules of Britain

2220. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS he pleased to state :